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Dear Beverly,

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OUR FILE: 31754

Further to John Bass's letter dated 18 October 1990 I have made a further review of this case in the light of PM1337, PM1345 and PM1475.

I am satisified that this case should proceed independently and I enclose a set of claims which I have revised for filing in the European Patent Office. Please let me have your approval or comments on these claims before I go ahead with the filing and preferably by 14 November 1990 in order that there is adequate time to prepare translations.

I have not altered the scope of the independent claims. However, I have reduced greatly the number of dependent claims by making use of multiple dependencies. In addition, I have included at Claim 14 a claim to a non-combustible smoking article including an electrically-powered linear heating element as defined in any of the previous claims.

Although I had originally thought that there was room for some very broad claims to non-combustible smoking articles including heating elements, these claims are present in PM1345 and any attempt to introduce such claims into this case might lead to problems with double patenting. I am at present revising PM1345 with a view to reducing considerably the number of claims (there are at present some 108).

I am copying Jerry De Blasi at Fish & Neave with this letter and the claims and by that copy I would also ask him for his comments as soon as possible.

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